

TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE
May 27, 2008 – 3:30 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM

1. Roll call and Call to order-

Chairman Kenneth A. Fish called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. with a quorum present. Present members: Chairman Kenneth A. Fish, Anthony Waupochick, Susan Waukau, Bobbi Caldwell, Al Pyatskowit, Dave Grignon, Jeremy Pyatskowit and for Walter Cox. Absent members: Myrna Warrington and Walter Cox. Also present: Christopher Caldwell and Amy Hernandez, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence.

A moment of silence was observed

3. Approval of Minutes dated April 22, 2008.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to approve the minutes dated April 22, 2008.
Second was made by Al Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.
Motion carried: 5 for, 1 abstention, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Cox)

4. Discuss/Action-Review of Bylaws

Motion made Anthony Waupochick to table agenda item # 4 Discussion/Action–Review of Bylaws. Second was made Al Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 1 abstention, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Cox)

Amy Hernandez will check with Lisa Caldwell to see if the recommendations from a previous meeting have been incorporated in the By-laws.

5. Request Status of MTE 3rd party Forest Certification efforts

Christopher Caldwell is requesting that the Tribal Forestry make a recommendation to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to follow-up on the status of MTE's efforts to obtain Forest Certification.

Mr. Caldwell believes that the Tribe should be kept informed of the process because of the scope of the audit itself.

At the April 1st 2008 joint meeting the Tribal Legislature made a motion to request to have a copy of any reports that are developed. The MTE board of directors quickly responded with a motion in the affirmative way. Mr. Caldwell has requested copy of MTE's corresponding motion from that meeting from MTE president and the Administrative Assistant, at this time Mr. Caldwell has not received any response.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to have the Tribal Chairman write a letter to Menominee Tribal Enterprise Chairman of the Board and copy sent to the Menominee Tribal Enterprise President and the Head Forester making a 2nd request for the 3rd Party Certification information. Second was made by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Cox)

6. Presentation: Proposed Amendments to Tribal Ordinance 05-22

Christopher Caldwell presented a short synopsis with his recommendation that he would like to have incorporated in Ordinance 05-22. At this time Christopher informed the Committee that this is just a draft and to give the Committee a little heads up as to what he would like to amend to the Ordinance. At this time he would like this agenda item tabled.

Mr. Caldwell is asking for guidance from the Committee, he is unclear of how the prescription process should be handled. Prior to Forestry Committee they were going from Chris's office straight to MTL and the MTL was making the recommendations. Basically Chris is asking if he should be the middle man between Forestry and the Forestry Committee or should Forestry employee bring the prescriptions to the Committee.

Motion made by Al Pyatskowit to table agenda item # 6. Second was made by Anthony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Cox)

7. Review of Proposed Agenda for Joint Annual General Council on Forestry

Christopher would like to set up an information table at the Joint Annual General Council regarding the Forestry Management Reporting NAAWI-ESF grant and that it is an agenda item. With it being on the agenda and a few words from Chris, he is hoping it will draw the audience attention to the table.

Chairman Fish is requesting that an update on the Constitution Amendment Article 12 separations from Mill Operation from Forest Operation be put on the agenda..

Motion made by Jeremy Pyatskowit to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the agenda as presented with the additions # 4 will be updated Constitution Amendment Article 12 Separations of Mill Operation from Forest Operation. Making Compliance Reports # 5, # 6 will be Forest Management Reporting NAAWI-ESF Grant, # 7 will be OSHA and then continuous as outlined on the agenda just changing the number. Second was made by Al Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Cox)

8. Integrated Resource Management Plan

Chairman Fish requested this item be placed on today's agenda for informational purposes. Committee went into a brief discussion. No action taken at this time.

All Committee members have received a copy of the plan.

9. Constitution Amendment Separation MTE/MTL from Forest

The Menominee Tribal Legislature has already requested Secretary Election to start the process to separate the Mill from the Forest. If approved it could take up to 90 to 120 days for the process to start. The vote of the Menominee people will determine if the Constitution Amendment will be enforced and it may take 1 to 2 years to take over the Forest.

10. Other Business

Amy Hernandez will get in contact with the Committee members to set a date and time to tour the Mill.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bobbie Caldwell/Jeremy Pyatskowit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Amy Hernandez,
Recording Clerk/Transcriber
Chairman's Office